CHINA READY TO YIELD

Preliminary Joint Note Will Be Presented To-day.

ANSWER EXPECTED BY THURSDAY

Li Hang Chang Well Enough to Attend with Prince Ching to Receive Powers' Views from the Spanish Minister-Dr. Merrison Says Officials Declare Acceptance Assured-Minister Wu Regards the Terms as Harsh and Severe.

Pekin, Dec. 23.-Li Hung Chang, anan inquiry from the foreign enng his health, said he believed be able to attend the meeting to-morrow in order to accept with Prince Ching the preliminary joint note.

The note will be presented by the Span-ish Minister, Senor B. J. De Cologan, doyen of the diplomatic corps, with a few rds expressive of a hope of as promp carefully prepared, with every dere to continue the dynasty and not to be upon the nation, and of a further Il urge upon Emperor Kwang Su the An answer is expected about Thursday.

Officials Predict Acceptance. Landon, Dec. 24.-De. Morrison, wiring the Times from Pekin Saturday, says that McKune's body disappeared from view.

will accept all the conditions of the joint note without "losing her face." Paris, Dec. 23.—The semi-official Temps s, in confirmation of the press that the viceroy of the provnces of Hu-Pei and Hu-Nan declares that Wu-Chang will be made an open port.

Diplomatic circles discussed with interest yesterday the provisions of the joint eement which has been signed by the resentatives of the powers at Pekin presentation to the Chinese plenipo The hope is generally expressed that the latter will act promptly in the consideration of the note, and thus pave the way for prompt negotiations for the

Minister Wu Disappointed.

Mr. Wu, the Chinese Minister, the made by the powers are a keen sappointment, and are not such, in his inion, as should have animated the gov-nments which have the ultimate best inerests of the Chinese Empire at heart. He regards them as harsh and severe, but expresses the hope that they will be dissed by both sides in an amicable and iciliatory spirit, and that the powers tually will ameliorate the obje Wu expects that while Li Hung

Chang and Prince Ching are fully qualito act in the matter, yet the terms of note will be sent by telegraph to the urt at its present abode, which is conlected with Pekin by telegraph.

PRINCE OSCAR MUCH BETTER. Condition of Swedish Crown Prince's Eld-

est SonGrently Improved. Stockholm, Dec. 23.—The condition of member of the Fifty-fourth Congress Prince Oscar, Duke of Scanic, eldest son from 1894 to 1896, and a civil war veteran, of the Crown Prince of Sweden and Nor- died of apoplexy this morning. who had been seriously ill, is now

The disappearance of Lieut, Count Snoil-sky, military attache of the Swedish and Norwegian Legation in Berlin, is attributed to mental derangement.

The weather in Stockholm is the mildest that has been known here for many) cars at the Christmas season,

ITO CABINET MAY FALL. Hoshi Tori, Former Minister to This Coun-

try, Forced to Resign Portfolio Yokohama, Dec. 23.-Hoshi Tori, minis anest Minister to the United States, has

persistent allegations of his implication in financial scandals. He will be succeeded by Mr. Hara, former Minister to It is possible that the stability of the Ito cabinet will be affected.

BERLIN'S GROWING POPULATION. Gain of Over 300,000 in Five Years-Trolley Displacing Storage Motors.

Berlin, Dec. 23.-The population of Berlin, including the suburbs, is 2,469,676, as

electric trolley system is rapidly displacing the storage battery system on the busiest streets of Berlin. prospects of utilizing his airship.

Czar to Remain at Livadia Until January. Petersburg, Dec. 23.-The correpondent of the Associated Press was in-ormed by one of the ministers of state afternoon that Emperor Nicholas and ninisters of finance, war, and foreign is do not expect to leave Livadia, the Czar is convalescing, before the

Russia's Offer Had String Attached. London, Dec. 24.-"Russia offered Roumania a loan of sixteen millions,"

Express, "to assist her in the financial crisis; but the offer was declined, because there were conditions attached undermining Roumanian independence."

Genoa, Dec. 23.-The strike caused by closing by the prefect of police of the Bureau of Labor Unions came to an end tractional to-day on the announcement that the government had consented to a reconstruction of the bureau.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 23.-The govern

Chile, which recently invited ers for 400 freight cars, has accepted rive in Miami to-night on a special train over the East Coast Railroad. The holi-& Co., all of American manufac

Black Eagle for von Buelow.

Berlin, Dec. 23.-This afternoon Emror William visited the imperial chan-Count von Buelow, and personally red upon him the insignia of the of the Black Eagle.

Girls Strike in Sympathy. resbarre, Pa., Dec. 23.-Two hundred

ace Mills, this city, have notified nagement that they will not reor work to-morrow. They go out in the day with the weavers of the mill. have been out on strike for nine as. The failure of the girls to report

acon, Miss., Dec. 23.-News was re ceived here to-day that a tornado passed hugh the eastern edge of Noxubes

Private Watchman Killed and Robbed. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 23.-John Kapple ar his place of employment with rains beaten out. His pockets had rified of his wages, paid him the before. No arrests have yet been

CANNOT ACCEPT TREATY.

Will Stand Upon Her Rights. London, Dec. 24.-The Times, in an editorial on President McKinley's decision to submit the Hay-Pauncefote canal

England a North American Power, and

treaty to Great Britain, reproaches him

ribility for any friction that may ensue

The amended treaty is a bargain to which

we cannot agree, and to which no reason

able American who takes the trouble to

"When Senator Lodge announced that

Americans expect Europe to 'keep out' of

America, he forgets that England is a

"If the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is no

shall stand quietly upon our indubitable

rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty

rights which cannot be affected by an

action the American Senate may choos

DOUBLE SKATING TRAGEDY.

Girl and Her Escort Drowned, the Latter

While Aiding Rescuers.

Susquehanna, Pa., Dec. 23 .- While a par

ty of young people were skating upon the

at State Line, four miles north of Susque hanna, the ice broke and two of the num

berber-Miss Ida McKune, of State Line aged twenty-two, and Arthur Munson, o

Lanesboro, aged twenty-went under. Miss

cuing party a few minutes later he went

through the ice a second time and was

PENNSYLVANIA STREET RAILWAYS.

Killed 1,582 People Last Year.

Of the total number of operating com

FORMER CONGRESSMAN POOLE DEAD.

Represented Syracuse District of New York from 1894 to 1896—His Career.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Theodore L. Poole, United States marshal for the

Northern district of New York State, member of the Fifty-fourth Congress

Harbor, Va., in June, 1864. He was dis-charged as captain and brevet major

July 3, 1865. He was also county clerk of Onondaga County from 1868 until 1870, and United States pension agent for the West-

rn district of New York from 1879 to 1888

and was interested in various manufac-turing and other corporations. At the time of his election to Congress he was one of the directors of the Bank of Syra-cuse. He was elected to the Fifty-fourth Congress as a Republican from the Twen-ty-sayarth New York district.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.-John Riley Cham

beriain, a veteran of the civil war and a

graduate of Miami University at Oxford,

Ohio, died here to-night, aged seventy-

two. He had been engaged in newspaper

work in Cincinnati for thirty-five years, most of that time with the Associated Press. The deceased had been a widower many years. He leaves two children.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.-Samuel M.

to-day, aged seventy-three years. Mr. Murphy came here in 1870 from Cincinnati,

where he had been engaged in the whole-

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.-W. E. Jones, who

has been treasurer and assistant secre-

tary of the Baltimore and Ohio South-

AARONSON DIED OF PNEUMONIA.

Square Garden Bicycle Race.

New York, Dec. 23 .- By an autopsy per-

formed on the body of Oscar Aaronson, the six-day bicyclist, to-day, it was found

that he had died from pneumonia, instead of injuries from the fall he had in the

Madison Square Garden race. He con-

home in Brooklyn, and the funeral proba-bly will take place to-morrow.

Senator Hanna in Florida.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 23 .- United States Sen

ator Marcus A. Hanna and family will ar-

Killed by Electric Street Car.

Miller, assistant engineer of the Mo

sale liquor business

y-seventh New York district.

Twenty Out of Ninety-four Paying-

ice on the Susquehanna River last night

expect us to agree.

o remain such a power.

to take."

\$24,447,181.

vear was \$1,579,284.

with "shifting a dangerous responsibil-ity on the British government, and says: "The President must bear the respon-KITCHENER'S REPORTS HOPEFUL

adopted in a form acceptable to us, we London, Dec. 23 .- The war office has re-

> 'The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony, as far as my in-formation goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraph communication as been much interrupted by the very

Running Fight Along the Magaliesburg. drowned. The bodies were recovered several hours later. Hundreds of men were engaged in the search for the bodies. Munson was employed in the Eric Railroad shops at Susquehanna. Miss McKune was employed by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company at State Line.

Clements' force was engaged south of Oliphant's Nek, but I do not yet know the

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 23.-The total in lated Pretoria, December 22, says: come of the ninety-four street railway companies operating in Pennsylvania durng the fiscal year erded June 30, 1900, was ollowed up.

The report of Chief Brown, of the State bureau of railways, says the total amount of capital stock outstanding of the oper-"Gen. French has been in contact for two days with the commandoes of Beyers and Delarey, south of the Magaliesburg. ating street railways for the year was \$100,176,121, and the taxes paid during the He is pursuing them. The enemy have lost considerably, and Commandant Kreuse and others have been captured. of the total number of operating com-panies there are only 20 that pay divi-dends. The total disbursements for the year were \$23,976,312, as against \$21,788,663 in 1899; number of employes, 14,798; amount paid to employes, \$8,943,859; total number of passengers carried, 538,194,538. The total number of persons killed dur-ing the year was 1,582. ein, with slight losses, the enemy retir-

De Wet's Raid Underestimated. patches, breathing a confidence hardly justified by their contents, are almost the

Onondaga County, N. Y., April 10, 1840, of New England ancestry. He was educated "De Wet has never been taken seriously in the common schools of his native counenough," says the correspondent. "It is ty. He enlisted as quartermaster ser-geant in the 122d Regiment of New York rear guard action and gains twenty miles while he is being fought. Volunteers in July, 1862. He was wounded and lost his left arm at the battle of Coid

nomenal resistance.

"Once he fails, the whole thing could be crushed in a fortnight. He has every single commando under his supervision. All gle commando under his supervision. All his patrols and columns march and counter-march on his order. The forces under his command have been reduced by his strength of will to a properly organized army, moving at his word. The sooner the British rid themselves of the idea that De Wet's forces are - mere rabble, wandering aimlessly, the sooner they will grasp the need of the determined effort which is necessary to capture him."

Came Cabinet's Sunday Sitting. ern district of New 107k from 1875 to 1882.
In 1882 he became department commander
of the Department of New York, Grand
Army of the Republic. He was at one
time engaged in the manufacture of salt,
and was interested in various manufac-

sent the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly elated over the southward progess of the Boers, and as boasting that the entire district of Victoria West will join the raiders. It is expected in Cape western Railway and its predecessors for Town that the force traveling from Zout-pan's Drift is not a body of Boers, but over thirty years, died suddenly at his residence here to-day, aged fifty-three Pietermaritzburg correspondent of

> Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—The steamer Lake Champlain, having on board Col. Otter and 350 Canadian troops, returning from South Africa, arrived this morning from Liverpool and disembarked here. The order to land at St. John, N. B., had been canceled by the militia department.

COSTLY MOUNTS FOR BOER WAR.

8360 a Head Landed at Cape Town days will be spent in Miami, West Palm Beach, and the other points of interest in Southern Florida. The special train will leave Jacksonville at 7:30 c'clock to-mor-St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.-Charles M.

division of the Great Northern Railway, was killed by an electric car to-night while crossing the street. His skull was fractured and he died while being carried to the hospital. Mr. Miller's headquarters were at Williston, N. D., and he was on a visit to relatives in this city. Schooner Beached to Avoid Sinking. Lewes, Del., Dec. 23 .- The three-masted chooner J. Howell Leeds, with a cargo of fertilizer, Philadelphia, for Wilmington,

Assateague, Va., harbor. She was beached by life-savers to prevent sinking and is now lying in an easy position.

When you have rheumatism. Muscles feel stiff and sore and joints are painful. It does not pay to suffer long from this disease when it may be cured so promptly and perfectly by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine goes right to the spot, neutralizes the acidity of the blood, which causes rheumatism, and puts an end to the pain and stiffness.

N. C., sprung a bad leak and ran inside of

BOERS STILL FIGHTING

Clements' Force Engaged and a Railroad Cut.

Meager Details of Running Engagement reflect upon our side of the question can South of the Magaliesburg River-Gordon in Pursuit of Beyers' Commando-Cape Dutch Hated, Predict Rising of Victoria West District-Colonials Hunting Missing Dynamite-Cabinet's Sunday Sitting. great North American power, and means

> ceived the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22: "As far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into two forces that entered the colony, the eastern is still north of the Zoutpansberg range, while the one that entered was range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direcon of Britstown and Prieska. Our troops are getting around both bodies, and a special column is also being or-ganized, which will be dispatched immeliately when I know where its services

He hurried to the farm ouse near by for help, and while working with the res-

"De Wet is in the neighborhood of Sene-Gen. French, in conjunction with Gen. Clements, attacked a force under Reyers, south of the Magaliesberg. The Boers broke away in a southwesterly di-

A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener, "The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being

London, Dec. 24.-Lord Kitchener's disnly available news from the seat of hosilities in South Africa, but telegrams from Cape Town depict the situation in

anything but roseate hues.

Without believing the assertion of the an extremely interesting letter, dated Bethulie, December 1, describing Gen. De Wet and his doings.

"He is a born military genius, whose wonderful powers have kept up this phe-

Cape Cabinet's Sunday Sitting. The Cape Colony cabinet had an important sitting yesterday (Sunday). It appears that the Boers have destroyed a railway bridge, ninety feet long, about twelve miles south of Da Aar, and that no Cape mails have arrived at Bloemfon-

Further anxiety has been caused in Cape Town by the discovery that during the last two months public bodies in out-ofthe-way places have requisitioned supplied of dynamite. The colonial government is Murphy, perhaps the wealthiest citizen of the State, died of heart failure here now endeavoring to recover possession of the explosive, and is removing all stores of arms and ammunition from suspected

Other advices from Cape Town repre-

The Pietermaritzourg correspondent of the Daily Mail says:
"The Boers are active between Johan-nesburg and Pretoria, exchanging shots with the British outposts; and it is re-ported that parties of Boers are hovering around Johannesburg.

Canadian Troops Home from Africa.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.-Capt. Heygate, of the British army, is purchasing 50,000 cavalry horses and mules for the

British army in South Africa. He came here more than a year ago to buy horses and mules, but was ordered home a short time ago. But the unexpected renewal time ago. But the unexpected renewal of hostilities has made the purchase of shifted to the northwest and changed the more horses and mules necessary. As fast as the animals are inspected and bought they will be sent to New Orleans, and shipped to Cape Town, Durban, and New London, on British transports, some of which are now on their way to the United States. One ship load of the animals e taken to South Africa by Lieut David Moberly, leaving New Orleans soon after Lieut. Moberly said: "By the time the Lorses and mules are

going to South Africa, and the torrid heat of the tropics kills them off rapidly. The average death rate on shipboard is thirty-two to the 1,000. Forty days after a horse

Billousness is cured by Hood's Pills. 25c. them the needed rest after landing be- days ago.

fore putting them into service. Consequently they go to the front in a weakened condition, and not getting a sufficient amount of food, soon die.

"Since the beginning of the Boer war England has purchased over 109,000 head of horses and mules in the United States. It required sixty-five ships to carry them from New Orlears to South Africa. Government transports will be kept very busy from now on carrying the horses which England will need in South Africa, and which have been ordered purchased in the United States. Baden-Powell now has 25,000 mounted police, and it is proposed to mount 50,000 of the Imperial Infantry. England has discovered that her soldiers must be mounted to be able to cope with the Roer, who gets over, the country with alarming rapidity."

STATUE OF LAFAYETTE HERE.

Archbishop Ireland says Project Is Being Considered.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—Archbishop south of Pittston as far as Naticoke, John Ireland returned to St. Paul to-day, threaten to go on strike Thursday. With and took occasion to deny the statements recently telegraphed from Duluth, that he was to visit Cuba and Porto Rico as a special commissioner appointed by President McKinley to settle disputes in regard to the division of church property. "There is nothing whatever to the

count."

object in visiting Washington was to attend a meeting of the Lafayette Monument Association "We found that after paying all the expenses of erecting the bronze statue in Paris," he said, "we still had on hand \$30,000. We almost decided to duplicate the memorial statue in Washington or some other American city, provided an additional amount can be raised. The matter will be definitely settled at a meeting to be held in Chicago early in

"In Chicago I attended a meeting of the Marquette Monument Society. The society voted to erect a monument to Father Marquette at Point St. Ignace, on the north shore of Mackinac Straits, from Poers broke away in a southwesterly direction, toward Potchefstroom, and were tollowed by Gen. Gordon with a column of French's force.

"Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements' force was engaged south of the sculptor been determined on."

TAMMANY'S VICE CRUSADERS.

to Close Up Gambling Dens. New York, Dec. 23 .- The Tammany con mittee of five, appointed to look into vice in this city, will hold a meeting to-morrow. Speaking of the work of the com-mittee, Lewis Nixon, its chairman, said eaking of the work of the com to-night:

"We have our own system of checking up the work of the police in relation to our complaints, and if we find that places "Gen. Colville engaged two separate supposed to be closed are really open, commandoes December 21 near Vlakfonein, with slight losses, the enemy retir-'ed against the captains and have them

"I believe that there are some 300 gam bling houses and pool rooms in the city. We have filed complaints against sixty of them. I have been informed that these are closed. If that is not so, we will soon know about it.
"We intend to go ahead until every

anything but roseate hues.

Without believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency in Brussels that 6,000 Boers have invaded Cape Colony, it is quite evident that the invasion was a serious and well-planned affair. In connection with this a correspondent sends an extremely interesting letter, dated Bethulie, December 1, describing Gen. De Tammany is as much against them as a convergence of the cordinary kind. Tammany has been accused of protecting these places, and we are going to prove that is supposed to be backed by a Tammany man, we go for it harder than for a place of the ordinary kind. Tammany has been accused of protecting these places, and we are going to prove that supposed to be backed by a Tammany man, we go for it harder than for a place of the ordinary kind. Tammany has been accused of protecting these places, and we are going to prove that is supposed to be backed by a Tammany has been accused of protecting these places.

ALL BOXING BOUTS PROHIBITED.

Outcome of the Death of Edward

After Fight with Joe Kelly. Philadelphia, Dec. 23.-As a result of the atal termination of the amateur boxing bout last night at the Philadelphia Athletic Club betwen Joseph Kelly and Edward Sanford, who fought under name of Frank Barr, all boxing contests have been prohibited for the pres the police authorities. Director of Pub-lic Safety English to-day issued an order revoking all permits for sparring contests heretofore issued, and stating that no more permits will be granted for the

The exact cause of Sanford's death will not be made public by the coroner until the inquest is held to-morrow. The report that his skull was fractured is erroneous. Frank Henderson, manager of the club, who acted as referee, was to-day released on \$1,000 security. Kelly and the seconds of both boxers are, still in custody, being held without bail to await the action of the coroner's jury.

MISSING WOMAN FOUND MURDERED.

Coroner Decides that Mrs. McDouald Was Strangled With Her Shawl.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 23.-Mrs. Celia Mc-Donald, aged fifty-three, of Dunmore, who mysteriously disappeared from her home last Thursday, was found dead tonight in the woods near here. Coroner Roberts declared that death was due to strangulation. A small shawl longside the body was, in the coroner's opinion, the means employed

He declared unhesitatingly that it was a murder, and the police are of the same opinion. The woman was of a quiet disposition and acted as housekeeper for her son. John McDonald, proprietor of the Sterling Hotel.

NO EXODUS OF FRENCH CANADIANS.

Tale of Quebec Colonization Agent Given

Augusta, Me., Dec. 23 .- The story to the ffect that large numbers of French-Canadians will leave New England for Quebec in the spring, obtains not the slightest credence here. Rene Dupont, colonization agent for the Quebec and Lake St. John region, is alleged to have said that "of the been canceled by the minua department.

The time saved by the change will enable 200,000 French-Canadians in the State of the Western men to get home for Christmas. They started this afternoon on a special train for Montreal and Toronto.

The ecclesiastical records show that there are but 65,000 French-Canadians in

BLIZZARD IN MINNESOTA.

now and Fierce Northwest Winds General St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.-This section of the Northwest is experiencing the first | ters of sympathy daily." blizzard of the present winter. The past week has been extremely mild and pleas-

rain to snow.

In St. Paul the snowfall has been light, but the fierce wind blew it in blinding sheets, and made things very disagreeable. The storm is general throughout the State.

New York, Dec. 23.-Luigi Perrinio was isiting his friend, Giuseppe Laforte, to-By the time the Lorses and mules are he would have to give up his rooms. A need in South Africa they will have cost fight between landlord and tenant ensued, the British government \$360 a head. That is during which Perrinio, the visitor, drew a bery fit for service only six weeks. Most of The bullet missed him and struck Meigo the animals die because of the change in Cocehiara, a twelve-year-old boy, who climate. They must cross the equator in was watching the fight. The hospital physician says he will die. Perrinio is The locked up.

TRACTION LINES TIED UP.

Officials Man the Only Cars Run in the

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 23.-Every one of he 300 car and barn employes of the Scranton Railway Company obeyed the strike order, which went into effect at 5 o'clock this morning, and as a consequence only two cars were running in all of the Lackawanna Valley to-day. These two cars were manned by Supt. Patterson and dispatchers, foremen, and clerks. No yet been issued. attempt was made to molest them, and although rain fell a greater part of the day, the two cars seldom had a passenger.

The tied-up region extends from Pittston to Forest City, a distance of thirty miles, and includes sixty-five miles of been paid. tracks on which are run ordinarily eighty cars. The men of the Wyoming Valley Traction Company, operating all the lines

south of Pittston as far as Naticoke, threaten to go on strike Thursday. With both companies tied up there will be a total cessation of street car traffic in a busy stretch of country eighty miles north, including the three big cities of Scranton, Wilkesbarre, and Pittston.

The men demand 20 cents an hour for old employes and from 15 to 171-2 cents for new men. At present the new men receive an average of 158-10 cents an hour, and after four years' service this is raised to 173-4 cents. They also demand a ten-hour day, instead of twelve hours, as at present. The company, in its answer to the grievance committee's demands, says it is not in a position to afford any increase in wages at this time. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 23.—The employes of the Wilkebarre and Wyoming Valley Electric Railway Company and the officials of the company met in conference to-day to talk over certain grievances which the men submitted to the company on Saturday. The employes demand shorter hours and 20 cents an hour for every hour worked. President Rigg said he wanted to be fair with the men, but their demands were too sweeping, and the company could not afford to grant. e wanted to be fair with the men, but heir demands were too sweeping, and he company could not afford to grant hem As a compromise, President Rigg them As a compromise, President Rigg offered the men 16 cents an hour, but no reduction in the hours of labor. The con-ductors and motormen refused to accept this offer and gave the company until Thursday to decide whether or not the original demands would be granted.

STARVATION IN PORTO RICO

Surgeon A. D. Williams, U.S. A., Reports Appalling State of Affairs.

Marched Across Island with Troops to Note Conditions Officially - Found Sickness, Misery, and "Chronic Hanger" the Rule.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23 .- Dr. A. D. Williams, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., has arrived from Porto Rico, where he was detailed to make a report on conditions and 3 per cent. commission was the offer of the people as observed on a march held out, though the firm itself was getwith soldiers across the island. That report was made to the adjutant general, department of Porto Rico, San Juan. A copy of the report, given out last night by Dr. Will'ams, shows an alarming con-

"At Los Marias," the report says, "we began to see the vanguard of misery. In that small, squalid town there is no medical man. Many were sick. A Mr. Ton-cuand, the American school teacher there, told me that many of the people, not onl of the surrounding country, but of the town, were in great distress. I asked him the cause of so much sickness and so many deaths. He answered without hesi-

"At Adjuntas," the report continues, "the conditions were appalling; men, wo-men, and children, swollen, bloated, diseased, and emaciated, whose pinched and naggard features appeared weighted with the sorrows of years. When I asked the city physician of Adjuntas the cause of such a large death rate-fifty-two deaths and four births the week immediately preceding our visit there-he re-'The death rate is about the same every week. The prime cause, chronic starvation."

Dr. Williams, in his report, deciares that with fourteen patients in the nospital at this place and three nurses, th nunicipal authorities allow the steward to draw only \$1 a day in municipal stamps for the subsistence and care of the pa-tients, and that the steward can realize only 50 cents for his stamps, and with that amount daily he has to provide the scanty hospital food.

BRIDE'S MOTHER SPOILED WEDDING.

the Justice Was Half Over. Susquehanna, Pa., Dec. 23.-At Hawley ton, last night, while David D. Owen and Miss Nancy D. Vaughan were being united in marriage by a local justice of the peace, and when the marriage ceremony was just half completed, the young woman's mother jumped in between the young couple and forbade further proceedings. The marriage was then declared off. It is said to be the first instance of the kind on record.

PARDON IN BOER WAR MURDER CASE.

Who Killed English Fellow Officer. Chicago, Dec. 23.-Former Policeman Patrick Furlong, who in February, 1900, killed Edward Leach, a brother officer and was sentenced to the penitentiary for fourteen years, has been pardoned by Gov. Tanner, and will take his Christmas dinner with his family in Chicago. Furlong, who is of Irish parentage, and Leach, an Englishman, became involved in an argument about the Boer war.

BAIL READY FOR MISS MORRISON.

Wealthy Men Volunteer to Go Bond-Christmas at Home. Eldorado, Kans., Dec. 23.-Hayw Morrison, brother of Miss Jessie Morri Dec. 23,-Hayward

whose trial for murdering Mrs. Castle ended in a hung jury, said to-day: "Six wealthy men of this county have countecred to go on the \$5,000 bond. We are in no hurry to file the surety. Jessi is feeling very well and still receives let-While Mr. Morrison would not say when the bond would be filed, he left the impres-sion that his sister would spend her Christmas at home.

New York, Dec. 23.-John Gleason, jr. twenty years old, was locked up by the police in this city to-day and will be examined in court to-morrow. City detectives say Gleason, on December 7, sold to ily friends in Lewiston and Auburn. Mrs. Clark & Son, bankers and brokers, two Frye had requested that no names be given by the connection and that all ar-\$100 3 per cent. United States coupon bonds, numbered respectively, 13267, 13268, day when the latter's landlord told him for \$218. The November coupons were not he would have to give up his rooms. A detached. These bonds, the detectives said, were found to be part of a safe rob-bery that took place in Harrispurg, Pa., on December 5. The prisoner positively refused to make any statement.

Postal Matter Destroyed by Clerk. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 23 .- Post-office in

spectors who have been secretly at work for two weeks probing irregularities here to-day suspended three of the oldest clerks in the local service on a charge of clicago, Dec. 23.—John T. McCutcheon, the artist and newspaper correspondent, is critically ill at his home in this city. The front that it is impossible to give them the needed rest after landing be
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GERMANY MAKES PROTEST.

Objects to Settlement of American Claim Until Krupp Is Paid for Guns.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.-The expected imperial irade authorizing the signature of the contract for the construction of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, together with the initial deposit of £100,000, has not

It appears that the German Embassy has protested to the Porte against the payment to the Cramps before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has

MURDER AT A ROAD HOUSE.

Stranger Met a Mysterious Death and Foul Play Is Suspected.

Naugatuck, Conn., Dec. 23.-The finding of the body of a man, afterward identified as Gerald Milberg, with one side of his skull crushed early this morning in the yard in front of the Cotton Hollow road house, a well-known resort a mile and a half south of this town, develops a mystery that has every appearance of brought to the local authorities by one Martin, the proprietor of the house, who stated that the man came to his place alive early Saturday evening, and was assigned to a room on the third floor,

About 4 o'clock Martin says he was awakened by a noise in the upper story, followed by a crash in the front yard, and upon investigation discovered the body. An examination of the house reveals the fact that the sashes of the winder for a few days evenly exchanged. dew frame through which, according to This was terminated by a provisional or-Martin's story, the man must have der, whereby the government arranged to jumped, when open wide, leave a space reimburse the banks for any losses they that is scarcely broader than a man's brdy. The glass in both sashes is shat-tered and the shingles are ripped from the window ledge outside, indicating that either there must have been a struggle or else the suicide went about his de-struction in a most determined manner.

FANCY PRICES TEMPTED FARMERS.

Post-office Officials Charge Chicago Com mission Firm with Fraud.

Chicago, Dec. 23.-Bradford Davis and F. G. Crosby were being sought yesterday by United States officials on charges of using the mails to fraudulently obtain poultry, eggs, butter, and game, to the estimated value of \$25,000. The men did business for a month under the firm name of Sandall, Crosby & Co.

Circulars were scattered throughout the country by the firm, making offers above the market price, and the immense quantity of game, eggs, and butter which came in response was sold to dealers in Chicago and other cities at prices below the market. Not content with making these offers to the producers, the firm desired to employ local agents, and \$16 a month ting only 5 per cent, commission.

Letters inquiring as to the reliability of the firm caused an investigation to be made, and Inspector Gould, of the

a week gathering evidence.
Yesterday he decided that he had enough to warrant the arrest of the two men, but he was unable to find Davis, Crosby was arrested last night.

COAL PRICES AGAIN GOING UP.

office Department, has been at work for

General Advance for Wholesale Deliver-Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.-The Ledger in its universal report of active working at the mines, stimulated movement of coal were made by a general order. prices. As a key to the advance in prices now being obtained it may be stated that the bids for coal just awarded by the board of education for the Philadelphia schools are about 40 cents per ton higher

sale advance, which, however, for some ime past has been good. "The fair weather facilitates both the mining and shipment of coal, and thus both are being pushed to the utmost. The trade is consequently in excellent condi-tion, and is only limited by the ability to get the cars to load at the breakers. This s expected to go on until the close of the season by the more rigorous

than the awards made for deliveries of

coal to the schools last summer. This gives an indication of the general whole-

STORMS ON NORTH PACIFIC.

Large Number of Vessels Wrecked and

Crews Have Narrow Escapes. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 23.-Details are oming in of shipping disasters on the North Pacific Coast during recent storms. The American bark Highland Light, Capt. Maclure, was wrecked three days ago on the shore of Barclay's Sound, Vancouver Island. Her crew escaped. The storm played great havoc at Astoria, where the French bark, Gen. Millinet, was stranded on a sandy shore. The steamer Oswego was swamped at her moorings and lies in

ten feet of water. The bark Muskoka dragged her anchor and struck the shore stern on. The government lightship at McKenzie Head was driven high on the beach. The steamer Charles D. Lane was towed into Puget Sound last night after terrible experiences which threatened several times to send her to the bottom.

ON FIRE FORTY-TWO YEARS.

Blaze, Which Destroyed Much Valuabl

Tamaqua, Pa., Dec. 23.—The officials of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company are jubilant over the fact that the fire in loyal Filipino leaders in Manila. The the celebrated burning mine at Summit declaration of principles was read, and, Leach's declaration that England could whip any country on earth led to blows, and both men drew revolvers. Furlong fired first, with fatal effect.

Summit declaration of principles was read, and, thill, which started forty-two years ago, after some discussion, adopted by a vote the next two years will see its extinguishment. The fire which has constant. ment. The fire, which has consumed about thirty-five acres of the finest coal about thirty-five acres of the finest coal land in the anthractic region, has moved westward toward Lansford.

Two immense drilling machines which have been constantly probing for the fire have now honeycombed the earth to the west of the burning portion. Culm is being poured into these holes, and a solid mass will thus confront the fire.

FUNERAL OF MRS. W. P. FRYE.

Attendance Was Large and Many Beauti-

ful Floral Offerings Were Received. Lewiston, Me., Dec. 23.-The funeral of Mrs. W. P. Frye, wife of United States Senator Frye, took place this afternoon, Tomas Del Rosario. The smallest num-Rev. G. H. Howe, her pastor, conduct- ber of votes received by any candidate ing the services. The attendance was was eighty. arge, and many messages of condolence were received from friends in various Southern Luzon say that a lieutenant and

parts of the country. Many flowers came from Washington, Portland, and Bath, as well as from fam-States coupon en in this connection, and that all ar-vely, 13267, 13268, rangement be simple and quiet.

Sound Steamer Puritan Disabled.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 23.-The steamer Puritan, of the Fall River Line, arrived here this afternoon with a broken shaft. After the passengers and freight had been discharged, she proceeded to Newport. It is unlikely that she will resume her place upon the line before next spring.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 23.—Benjamin Bish-

ISLAND CIVIL AFFAIRS

Gen. MacArthur's View of

FINANCE, CUSTOMS, AND JUDICIARY

Philippine Problems.

Provisional Rule Reimbursing Banks for Losses in Exchange-Increased Customs Revenue Under American Methods-Contract Labor Essential te Island Business -Laws Stripped of Spanish Severity-Mineral Wealth Awaiting Development

The War Department has made public series of reports made to Gen. Mac-Arthur by the subordinate officers constiand departments which has administered News of the happening was the civil affairs of the Philippine Islands during the last year. These are summarized in the report Crowder, Thirty-ninth Infantry, secretary

to the military governor.

Under the head of "Treasury Department," it is said that the problem of securing a stable currency has never approached. proached a definite solution in the Philippines, though it had not pressed for im-mediate settlement until very recently, when United States and Mexican dollars might sustain through paying out Mexi-can silver for United States currency from disbursing officers and trade. Doubt is expressed, however, as to the desirability

of continuing this arrangement.

The customs service is discussed at some length in the report, and it is stated that there does not seem to be any present necessity for an increase in the num ber of ports of entry. Attention is di-rected to the marked increase in the customs receipts under American management. This is explained in part by the fact that formerly a large part of the im-ports came from Spain, and paid no du-ties. Also, the American system of collection is said to tend to honest collec-

The new tariff adopted for the island is set out in detail. In almost every case specific duties are fixed, following the es-tablished system in the islands, which it was believed to be dangerous to change to the ad valorem system.

Contract Labor Needed. The extension of the United States im-migration laws to the islands, without substantial change to meet the local conditions, is said to have proven of doubtful expediency, and especially so with regard to the contract labor law. It is essential, says the report, for the mercantile interests to secure employes from abroad under contract, else business will suffer. These laborers do not come into competition with the native residents.

More than 25,000 Chinese entered and left

the islands last year. Only one-ninth of

the land in the archipelago has been brought under cultivation, and there is no Regarding the judicial department, if only was found to be necessary to provide a system which would be divested of those harsh and oppressive features so much in conflict with American standards. It was impossible, for lack of time, some changes regarded as indispensable nears that the operations of the law as thus qualified have been satisfactory in securing to defendants in criminal cases the fundamental rights of Anglo-Saxor criminal law. The writ of habeas corpus has been frequently invoked, and under

the heritage of Spanish regime, have been liberated from unwarranted detention. Wealth in Mining Under Proper Laws. Col. Crowder thoroughly indorses the recommendation of Lieut. Burritt, in charge of the mining bureau, looking to a thorough change in the mining laws. He says that these are extremely cumbersome, and that once they are brought up to American standards the mineral condition of the country will soon be enorme ly improved, as experienced prospectors nd competent mining engineers now in

its speedy operation nearly 100 prisoners

the islands stand ready to undertake the work of exploitation.

Col. Crowder closes with a summary of the report of Gen. J. F. Smith, military governor of Negros, showing that this island, which has had under the entire pe riod of American control, a substantially autonomous form of government, has progressed in marked and favorable con-trast with the other islands. The attitude of the people is highly favorable toward the United States, and the largely autonomous government which they now enjoy seems to be their fitting reward, and the people are naturally desirous that it should be continued. But it will be impossible to discriminate in favor of Negros. ment to be ultimately adopted, so that complications are expected not easy of

adjustment. FILIPINO AUTONOMY PARTY.

Formally Launched by Loyal Leaders

Assembled in Manila. autonomy party was launched to-day at a meeting attended by virtually all the platform, including Senor Paterno, one of the most influential of the former insur-

five members was elected, together with an executive committee, including Senor Arellano, chief justice of the Supreme Amriosia Frores, a former insurgent general; Senor Florentino Torres, attorney general for the Philippines; Senor Jose Near, prosecuting attorney, and Senor

Advices brought to-day by steamer from sixty men of the Ninth United States Cavalry attacked a large body of insurgents last Wednesday near Guinobatan, prov-ince of Albay. After the battle forty-five dead insurgents were counted, together

with many wounded. The only American casualty was the wounding of a sergeant, who was cornered by several rebels and struck in the leg by a bolo. The rebel loss was the heaviest recorded among recent encount-

ers.
The cutting of the wires has delayed the official report of the engagement

Tarpon Springs, Fla., Dec. 23.—The body of W. H. Bigelow, a wealthy eVrmont